

Whereas all of the following players should be congratulated for their teamwork, sportsmanship, and display of impressive athletic talent, including—

- (1) Bella Bell;
- (2) Maddie Berezowitz;
- (3) Gabby Curry;
- (4) Sophie Fischer;
- (5) Elise Goetzinger;
- (6) Madison Lilley;
- (7) Kendyl Paris;
- (8) Reagan Rutherford;
- (9) Cameron Scheitzach;
- (10) Avery Skinner;
- (11) Madi Skinner;
- (12) Alli Stumler;
- (13) Azhani Tealer;
- (14) Lauren Sharp; and
- (15) Riah Walker; and

Whereas the University of Kentucky Wildcats are the pride of the students, alumni, and loyal fans of the University and the Commonwealth of Kentucky: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the University of Kentucky Wildcats for—

(A) winning the 2020 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Volleyball Championship; and

(B) completing a successful 2020–2021 season; and

(2) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate prepare an official copy of this resolution for presentation to—

(A) the President of the University of Kentucky, Dr. Eli Capilouto;

(B) the Athletics Director of the University of Kentucky, Mitch Barnhart; and

(C) the Head Coach of the University of Kentucky Women's Volleyball Team, Craig Skinner.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 190—RECOGNIZING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE BY THE NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION, COMMONLY KNOWN AS AMTRAK

Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. WICKER, Mr. PETERS, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. TESTER, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BALDWIN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

S. RES. 190

Whereas, on October 30, 1970, Congress enacted the Rail Passenger Service Act of 1970 (Public Law 91-518; 84 Stat. 1327), which created the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (commonly known and referred to in this preamble as “Amtrak”) to assume the responsibility of providing the United States with nationwide passenger rail service, which began on May 1, 1971;

Whereas May 1, 2021, marks 50 years since the date Amtrak began providing passenger rail service to individuals in the United States;

Whereas Amtrak connects over 500 communities across 46 States, the District of Columbia, and 3 Canadian Provinces;

Whereas, in 2019, Amtrak provided over 32,000,000 trips, the highest yearly ridership in its history;

Whereas the total annual economic impact of Amtrak and the passengers it serves across the United States exceeds \$8,000,000,000;

Whereas Amtrak has formed valuable partnerships with 17 States to operate 28 regionalized routes, which resulted in 15,400,000 trips in 2019;

Whereas Amtrak operates 15 long-distance routes that resulted in 4,600,000 trips in 2019;

Whereas the Acela and the Northeast Regional, 2 services of Amtrak along the Northeast Corridor, provided 12,500,000 trips in 2019; and

Whereas Amtrak provides a number of essential services and public benefits, which include—

(1) serving as the only source of public transportation in many rural communities;

(2) employing approximately 16,000 people and supporting tens of thousands of additional jobs in the communities it serves; and

(3) because Amtrak is 47 percent more energy efficient than car travel and 33 percent more energy efficient than air travel (as measured by passenger miles), providing an environmentally friendly way to travel: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate recognizes—

(1) 50 years of service by the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (commonly known and referred to in this resolution as “Amtrak”);

(2) the need for safe and affordable national passenger rail service in the United States;

(3) that Amtrak provides a vital connection for both urban and rural communities throughout the United States and, in the process, contributes to the economic growth of those communities; and

(4) that the restoration and expansion of the services that Amtrak provides is in the interest of the United States.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 191—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL SAFE DIGGING MONTH

Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mrs. FISCHER, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. WICKER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

S. RES. 191

Whereas, each year, the underground utility infrastructure of the United States, including pipelines, electric, gas, telecommunications, water, sewer, and cable television lines, is jeopardized by unintentional damage caused by those who fail to locate underground utility lines prior to digging;

Whereas some utility lines are buried only a few inches underground, making the lines easy to strike, even during shallow digging projects;

Whereas digging prior to locating underground utility lines often results in unintended consequences, such as service interruption, environmental damage, personal injury, and even death;

Whereas the month of April marks the beginning of the peak period during which excavation projects are carried out around the United States;

Whereas, in 2002, Congress required the Department of Transportation and the Federal Communications Commission to establish a 3-digit, nationwide, toll-free number to be used by State “One Call” systems to provide information on underground utility lines;

Whereas, in 2005, the Federal Communications Commission designated “811” as the nationwide “One Call” number for homeowners and excavators to use to obtain information on underground utility lines before conducting excavation activities;

Whereas the 1,700 members of the Common Ground Alliance, who are dedicated to ensuring public safety, environmental protection, and the integrity of services, promote the national “Call Before You Dig” campaign to

increase public awareness about the importance of homeowners and excavators calling 811 to find out the exact location of underground utility lines;

Whereas the Pipeline Safety, Regulatory Certainty, and Job Creation Act of 2011 (Public Law 112-90; 125 Stat. 1904) affirmed and expanded the “One Call” program by eliminating exemptions given to local and State government agencies and their contractors regarding notifying “One Call” centers before digging;

Whereas, according to the Common Ground Alliance's 2019 Damage Information Reporting Tool (DIRT) Report published in October 2020, there were an estimated 532,000 instances of excavation-related damage to underground facilities in the United States during 2019, a 4.5 percent increase from the Common Ground Alliance's 2018 estimate;

Whereas the Common Ground Alliance conducted a survey in 2020 and found that 50 percent of the more than 1,800 respondents were aware of 811, the highest level since the survey was first conducted in 2008;

Whereas the Common Ground Alliance estimated that the societal costs of excavation-related damage to buried utilities were \$30,000,000,000 in 2019, including costs for facility repair, property damage, medical bills, and costs to the surrounding businesses affected by the resulting utility outages; and

Whereas the Common Ground Alliance has designated April as “National Safe Digging Month” to increase awareness of safe digging practices across the United States and to celebrate the anniversary of 811, the national “Call Before You Dig” number: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of National Safe Digging Month;

(2) encourages all homeowners and excavators throughout the United States to call 811 before digging; and

(3) encourages all damage prevention stakeholders to help educate homeowners and excavators throughout the United States about the importance of calling 811 before digging.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 192—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF MAY 2021 AS “MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH”

Ms. ERNST (for herself and Mr. PETERS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

S. RES. 192

Whereas motorcycling is a great United States tradition enjoyed by an estimated 30,000,000 people annually, representing approximately 11 percent of the population;

Whereas motorcycles are a valuable component of the transportation mix;

Whereas motorcycles are fuel-efficient and decrease congestion while having little impact on our Nation's transportation infrastructure;

Whereas the motorcycling community promotes rider safety education, licensing, and motorcycle awareness;

Whereas the motorcycling community is committed to decreasing motorcycle crashes through training and safety education, personal responsibility, and increased public awareness;

Whereas approximately 91 percent of motorcycles are operated on highways in conjunction with other vehicles;

Whereas motorcyclist deaths occur more frequently than fatalities in passenger vehicles;

Whereas motorcycle awareness is beneficial to all road users and will help decrease motorcycle accidents; and

Whereas the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration promotes Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month to encourage riders to be properly licensed, receive training, wear personal protective equipment, such as helmets, jackets, boots, and gloves, and to remind all riders and motorists to always share the road: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of May 2021 as “Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month”;

(2) recognizes the contribution of motorcycles to the transportation mix;

(3) encourages motorcycle awareness by all road users;

(4) recognizes that motorcyclists have a right to the road and that all motorists should safely share the roadways;

(5) encourages rider safety education, training, and proper gear for safe motorcycle operation; and

(6) supports the goals of Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 193—SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF THE WEEK OF MAY 2, 2021, AS “CHILDREN’S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK” AND THE DAY OF MAY 9, 2021, AS “CHILDREN’S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY”**

Mr. KING (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. SMITH, and Ms. HASSAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 193S

Whereas children in the United States were already experiencing a public health crisis regarding mental and behavioral health before the additional challenges of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic;

Whereas a 2013 report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimated that mental disorders affect between 13 and 20 percent of children in a given year and cost approximately \$247,000,000,000 annually;

Whereas the National Institute of Mental Health estimates that nearly ½ of adolescents aged 13 to 18 years old will experience some form of a mental disorder;

Whereas, in 2019, over 11 percent of children ages 3 to 17 years old received treatment or counseling from a mental health professional, according to the United States Census Bureau;

Whereas suicide is the third leading cause of death for youth ages 10 to 24 years old, and 90 percent of those individuals have an underlying mental illness;

Whereas, during the COVID-19 pandemic, increased isolation and collective trauma have led to an increase in demand for mental health services for children, with the proportion of mental health-related visits to emergency rooms for children increasing from approximately 24 to 31 percent between 2019 and 2020;

Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has also laid bare the inequities in our mental health delivery system for all populations, and such inequities have disproportionately impacted children and adults who have been exposed to adverse childhood experiences prior to and during the pandemic; and

Whereas the stigma of accessing mental and behavioral health services persisted before the COVID-19 pandemic, and acknowledging this public health crisis and creating awareness as early as possible is as important as ever: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of the week of May 2, 2021, as “Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week” and the day of May 9, 2021, as “Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day”;

(2) recognizes the importance of connecting children with appropriate mental and behavioral health services and supports;

(3) seeks to create awareness regarding the additional challenges children and their families have faced during the COVID-19 pandemic due to isolation from family and peers, exposure to traumas, and barriers to mental and behavioral health services and supports;

(4) supports programs and services aimed at expanding access to care, building resiliency, and addressing trauma; and

(5) appreciates and extends its gratitude to family members, friends, educators, mental and behavioral health service providers, and others in their support for children’s mental health and well-being.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 194—CELEBRATING THE 149TH ANNIVERSARY OF ARBOR DAY**

Mr. KING (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BRAUN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. SMITH, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. WICKER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 194

Whereas Arbor Day was founded on April 10, 1872, to recognize the importance of planting trees;

Whereas Arbor Day is a time to recognize the importance of trees and an opportunity for communities to gather and plant for a greener future;

Whereas Arbor Day is observed in all 50 States and across the world;

Whereas participating in Arbor Day activities promotes civic participation and highlights the importance of planting and caring for trees and vegetation;

Whereas such activities provide an opportunity to convey to future generations the value of land and stewardship;

Whereas working forests have contributed to an increase in the number of trees planted in the United States and are sustainably managed, with less than 2 percent of working forests nationally harvested each year;

Whereas a key factor in preventing forest conversion and deforestation is keeping forests productive;

Whereas working forests are a critical part of a nature-based solution to climate change, and by providing a continuous cycle of growing, harvesting, and replanting, active forest management maximizes the ability to sequester and store carbon and improves forest resilience;

Whereas private forests play an important role in conserving at-risk and declining species, and collaborative conservation efforts can benefit species while also helping to keep forests as forests;

Whereas sustainably grown wood can be used in a wide variety of resilient infrastructure and building applications—from traditional timber framing to high-tech bridges to high-rise buildings made of mass timber—

and as a natural, renewable, and biodegradable material, substituting wood for other materials in buildings and bridges could significantly decrease global carbon emissions;

Whereas the Arbor Day Foundation and the Tree City USA program have been committed to greening cities and towns across the country since 1976, and in that time, more than 3,400 communities have made the commitment to becoming a Tree City USA;

Whereas Tree City USA communities are home to more than 143,000,000 people in the United States who are dedicated to core standards of sound urban forestry management and who dedicate resources and time to urban forestry initiatives, which helps make their communities and our country a better place to live;

Whereas National Arbor Day is observed on the last Friday of April each year; and

Whereas April 30, 2021, marks the 149th anniversary of Arbor Day: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes April 30, 2021, as “National Arbor Day”;

(2) celebrates the 149th anniversary of Arbor Day;

(3) supports the goals and ideals of National Arbor Day; and

(4) encourages the people of United States to participate in National Arbor Day activities.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 195—RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MCCLELLAN-KERR ARKANSAS RIVER NAVIGATION SYSTEM**

Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. COTTON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works:

S. RES. 195

Whereas June 5, 2021, marks the 50th anniversary of the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System (referred to in this preamble as “MKARNS”);

Whereas, in the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1946 (Public Law 79-525), Congress authorized the Army Corps of Engineers (commonly referred to as the “Corps”) to undertake comprehensive improvements on the Arkansas and Verdigris Rivers, which served as the foundation of the MKARNS;

Whereas the MKARNS opened for full use in December 1970, which, after over 20 years and \$1,200,000,000, was the largest civil works project undertaken by the Corps at the time;

Whereas President Richard M. Nixon officially dedicated the MKARNS on June 5, 1971, at a ceremony at the Tulsa Port of Catoosa, Oklahoma;

Whereas the MKARNS is named for United States Senator John L. McClellan of Arkansas and former Oklahoma Governor and United States Senator Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma, who advocated for the creation of an expansive, inland waterway system;

Whereas the MKARNS is 445 river miles long, with 18 locks and dams, spans from Catoosa, Oklahoma, to the Mississippi River, and serves commerce from a 12-State region consisting of Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas, Texas, Colorado, Montana, Nebraska, Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota, Missouri, and Idaho;

Whereas the MKARNS provides year-round, accessible inland waterway transportation to 5 public ports, 50 private port terminals, and over 90 industries;

Whereas, on an annual basis, the MKARNS provides for \$8,500,000,000 in sales impacts,